

## Reassembling A Used Gymnasium Floor or Court

It would be nice if every court were cleaned and carefully disassembled, with an eye towards reassembly. Unfortunately that's not the usual scenario and all too often a floor is disassembled halfway before an organized plan takes shape.

These instructions should help you get a plan for the easiest reassembly possible. If the floor has taped lines, or no lines at all, reassembly can be in any arrangement you like. Get an approximation of the number you have of each color, and decide on a design. It might be easier to work it out on graph paper before you start positioning pieces.

Frequently, a used floor needs to be cleaned before assembly. Depending how long its been in storage, this can mean pressure washing both sides of every sheet of tile before you bring it in the building or hitting it with a damp mop or a floor-cleaning machine. Try to use more water than soap or solvent in your cleaning solution.

If the used floor came with underlayment, this can be cleaned after it's unrolled and taped into place on the floor. A leaf blower on a lower setting should be adequate for moving the sand and dust to one part of the floor and not blow the underlayment across the room.

For full size gym floors or larger rectangular courts, the existing lines will probably be for basketball and or volleyball. So as you begin to position sections in the room, identify the line markings on the section you're holding. It's likely that the sections in a stack were located next to each other before they were palletized. And although the dimensions might not be exactly as they are in diagram below, most floors will have similar markings.

